

IMPEACHED

■ Donald Trump becomes only the third U.S. president to carry the stigma. ■ Both charges, abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, pass in House.



House members vote Wednesday as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi stands on the dais during a vote on articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump. PATRICK SEMANSKY | Associated Press

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over the charges that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. Then a majority of the House approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as expected, he would have to run for reelection carrying the enduring mark of impeachment on his purposely disruptive presidency.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's system of checks and balances. Republicans stood by their party's leader, who has frequently tested the bounds of civic norms. Trump called the whole affair a "witch hunt," a "hoax" and a "sham," and sometimes all three.

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"It doesn't feel like I'm being impeached," President Donald Trump told rallygoers Wednesday evening in Battle Creek, Mich. EVAN VUCCI | Times

Divided views

Florida law-makers speak ahead of the historic move to impeach the president. **Opinion, 9A**

Florida votes

A look at how Florida's congressional delegation voted: Right along party lines. **Nation, 8A**

Moffitt chief, others resign

Dr. Alan List and five others are out amid a federal investigation about ties to China.

BY JUSTINE GRIFFIN
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Dr. Alan List, the chief executive officer and president of H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa, resigned under pressure Wednesday amid a controversy that linked him and others at the hospital to possible exploitation of American-funded research by China.

List was joined by Thomas Sellers, a vice president and director at Moffitt, and four of the cancer center's researchers, who also resigned abruptly. The departures come during a time of heightened scrutiny by federal agencies of foreign attempts to take advantage of American-backed medical research. Among the investigating agencies is the National Institutes of Health, one of the largest funding sources for medical research in the world.

Timothy Adams, Moffitt's board chairman, will assume responsibilities for operating the center while a national CEO search is underway.

Moffitt's internal compliance office launched an internal investigation into the hospital's partnership with any China research arms and found several "compliance violations," officials said. Most were linked to Moffitt employees' personal involvement in China's "Thousand Talents" program, which is designed to recruit researchers and other experts from American and European universities and companies.

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Dr. Alan List

New idea for Rays: Tampa-Montreal

Mayor Castor says she likes the idea of her city being in play.



Mayor Jane Castor favors the idea of splitting the season, if the Rays would move to Tampa.

BY CHARLIE FRAGO AND ANASTASIA DAWSON
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TAMPA — Mayor Jane Castor says she's an "eternal optimist" when it comes to keeping the Tampa Bay Rays in the region, and part of that confidence is her increasing comfort with the idea of the team playing half the season in Montreal.

"When I first heard of it — just immediately — it's like 'that makes no sense.' But if you look at it from the perspective of baseball, the in-person attendance is dropping nationwide while TV is going up. When people are watching baseball on TV, they

could have the two media contracts. And then you don't have 81 games, which is difficult for even the most hard-core baseball fans to attend. So, you know, let them explore it. It's something new," Castor said Wednesday in an interview in her office.

Castor has had several informal discussions with Rays co-presidents Brian Auld and Matt Silverman since St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Kriseman closed the door on the split-season concept two weeks ago.

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Family tells court of deep loss from Bayshore crash

At a hearing for two accused men, a husband and a father speak of pain.

BY DAN SULLIVAN
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TAMPA — The family of a mother and her young daughter who were killed in a horrific crash on Bayshore Boulevard more than a year ago spoke out Wednesday during a routine court hearing for the two men accused of causing their deaths.

David Raubenolt, husband of Jessica Reisinger-Raubenolt and father of their 21-month-old daughter, Lillia, stood in a black suit and tie and sobbed heavily as he implored Hillsborough Circuit Judge Christo-



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phor Nash to bring justice.

"I am the remaining survivor from the extinction of the Raubenolt-Reisinger bloodline on May 23, 2018," Raubenolt said. "Since the unspeakable and terrifying death of my wife and daughter, I've suffered horrifically every moment. It is nearly impossible to put into

words the agony of this legal process and the decaying of my life during this time."

Hillsborough prosecutors have accused Cameron Herin, 20, and John Barrineau, 19, of vehicular homicide in the deaths of Reisinger-Raubenolt and her daughter. The mother, **See CRASH, 4A**

ST. PETE READY TO PUT DOWNTOWN PROPERTY ON SALE

With the area changing rapidly and growing bigger, the city says it will entertain offers for the Municipal Services Center on Central Avenue. **Local, 3A**

Democrats to vie for labor vote in Florida

Union representation is less than 6 percent here, but leaders sense a growing interest. The Democratic presidential debate, tonight at 8 p.m. on PBS and CNN, could touch on the subject. **State, 7A**

Change is afoot in U.S. measure of distances

The United States is abandoning the definition of the foot used to measure big things and replacing it with the so-called international foot. **Focus: Science, 5A**

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